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1. A fighter unit was stationed at the field from September 1948 to August 1949. Only a rear detail, an officer and 20 EM, was there from August 1949 to 24 October 1949. A new Soviet air unit and fighter planes began to arrive at the field on 25 October 1949. Up to 5 November 1949, this unit had done no flying.
2. According to various local residents, the new unit arrived from LIEGNITZ (O 52/B 82). An official of the civil administration of the city of LEIPZIG stated that the number of beds at the field was to be increased from 500 to 1,500. The married officers and their dependents were billeted in 47 flats on Kurzenstrasse and Breitscheidtstrasse in BRANDIS.
3. The runway of the field was extended to the east as far as the Altenbacher Woods and beyond the POLENZ (N 52/E 41) - MACHERN (N 52/E 41) road to the west in October 1949. The farm house of a resettler in the vicinity of the western DF station was torn down.

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Comment:

Transfer of the fighter units previously stationed in BRANDIS has been reported by several sources. After the transfer of these units, the runway was extended to a total length of 5,600 to 6,000 feet. The statement regarding the arrival of new air force units from Poland is credible, since rail shipments from the Polish occupied territory were reported by another report. * According to observed rail shipments, air

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force units from LIEGNITZ and LOENIGSBURG/Neumark appear to have arrived at the BRANDIS, ALT LOENNIGSITZ and GROSSLIMHAIN airfields. ** The strength and types of the newly arrived units has not been determined.

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